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CLINICAL EXPERIENCE & EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Private Practice, Atlanta, GA. (7/97 - present).

Psychologist. Individual, family, couples and group therapy. Specialize in anxiety and depression, addictions, sexual orientation issues and group therapy.

Midwest Family Resources Associates, Ltd., Chicago, IL. (4/91- 8/95).

Therapist. Individual, family, couples and group therapy. Helped develop and support a sex offender treatment program. Facilitated groups for adult male sexual abuse survivors. Primary caseload included DCFS, Veteran, and PTSD survivors, and sexual and domestic violence offenders. Administrative and organizational responsibilities included development and marketing of programs,.

United Charities, Chicago, IL. (12/90 - 4/93).

Therapist. Individual, family, couples, and group therapy, consultation to Headstart sites, intake coordinator for Calumet Center office, and facilitated school-based group therapy services for traumatized children, school-based parent and teacher training and consultation, bi-weekly intake orientation meetings for clients, and assessment of prospective camp applicants.

Youth Emergency Shelter and Services, Des Moines., IA. (4/90 - 12/90).

Out-Patient Therapist. Individual, family and marriage counseling, as well as crisis counseling, supervision of resident advisor staff, and on-call supervision on rotational basis.

Mainstream, Inc., part-time. Des Moines, IA. (11/89 - 4/90).

Psychiatric Technician. Implemented behavioral program for the mentally-ill.

Association for Retarded Persons, part-time. Des Moines, IA. (11/89 - 4/90).

Work Supervisor. Trained and coached a team of eight to twelve mentally retarded persons to clean interiors of city buses.

Mental Health Association of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. (9/83 - 3/84).

Director of Communications. Worked directly with public relations and advertising agencies in creating promotional and fundraising campaigns. Other responsibilities included editing state-wide

newsletter, participation in out-state promotional tour, and working with the mentally-ill in promotional and educational projects.

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA (10/97 – 10/98). **Adjunct Faculty.** Taught undergraduate courses through University College program. Courses: Personality Theory and Tests and Testing.

Georgia School of Professional Psychology, Atlanta, GA. (9/97 – 12/98)

Associate Faculty. Taught graduate level courses on History and Systems of Psychology, Cognitive Processes, and Ethics in Psychology.

Illinois School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL. (Fall Quarter, 1995).

Instructor. Co-led graduate course on cognitive processes, information-processing models, research on the unconscious, and on current cognitive models of semantic memory.

Northeastern Illinois State University, Chicago, IL. (9/93 - 6/94).

Adjunct Faculty. Taught variety of undergraduate psychology courses, such as Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Mental Health, and Adolescent Psychology.

EDUCATION

The National Group Psychotherapy Institute. Washington School of Psychiatry. 2010 – 2012.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship. Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA. (10/96-8/97). Individual and group psychotherapy services to students, psychological and career testing, and outreach programs. Co-lead practicum therapy seminar with clinical director.

Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D) in Clinical Psychology., Illinois School of Professional Psychology (APA accredited), Chicago, IL. (9/96). Thesis title: Semantic Memory and Bilingualism.

Doctoral Internship. University of Illinois at Chicago Counseling Center (APA accredited), Chicago, IL. (8/95 - 8/96) Individual and group psychotherapy services to wide variety of students, conducted weekly intake assessments and inpatient and outpatient psychological testing. Developed and conducted outreach seminars, and conducted in-house seminars on therapy related topics.

Masters of Science degree in Mental Health Counseling. Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.,

(12/90).

Bachelor of Arts degree, in Psychology, from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. (8/86).

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WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

October 1994. The Atlanta Group Psychotherapy Society Unicoi 2-Day Conference. Unicoi, Georgia. **Desire and Avoidance In Groups**. This two day experiential and didactic workshop provided attendees an opportunity for understanding and working with issues of desire (in the broadest sense of the term) and its avoidance in groups, using both didactic and experiential components. Participants were introduced to the theories of the French psychoanalyst, Jacques Lacan, and how they could be used in understanding group process.

February 2005. The American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Conference. New York City. **Semi-Permeable Boundaries: Sexual Feelings in Group Psychotherapy**. This half-day workshop acquainted participants with current models of erotic transference and counter-transference. I discussed the identification of emerging sexual issues in groups and techniques for intervening that provide safety and understanding.

February 2006. The American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA. **Sexual Transference and Counter-transference: Hope and Dread**. This full-day workshop acquainted participants with current theories of erotic transference and counter-transference, focusing on Lacan's theory of desire. Group discussion will focus on the pros and cons, the difficulties, and the shame related to sexual feelings as they manifest in group therapy.

April 2007. An Atlanta Group Psychotherapy Society Workshop. Atlanta, Georgia. **Love, Desire and Danger in Group Psychotherapy**. This half day experiential and didactic workshop covered Lacan, metaphor and relational psychoanalysis.

October 2007. The Atlanta Group Psychotherapy Society Unicoi 2-Day Conference,. Unicoi, Georgia. This two day experiential and didactic workshop focused on the theories of Lacan and how they play out on groups.

February 2008. The American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Conference, Washington DC. **Desire, Metaphor, Stories and Doubt in Group Therapy**. This half-day workshop includes a didactic and an experiential component as a means of understanding and utilizing the importance of metaphor in creating change in groups. An emphasis will be put on

how metaphor is related to desire and doubt, and how these relate to growth and resistance in group work.

May 2008. Guest Group Leader, invited by Morris Nitsun. Mid-Atlantic Group Psychotherapy Society. A two day experiential workshop entitled "Objects of Desire: Sexuality, the Individual, and the Group".

February 2009. The American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois. **Metaphor and Narrative in Groups.** This half day workshop included a didactic and experiential component as a means of understanding and utilizing metaphor and narrative in creating change in groups. An emphasis was placed on how metaphors and narrative styles influence the growth and resistance in groups.

February, 2010. **Metaphor and Narrative in Group Psychotherapy.** The American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Conference. This half day workshop included a didactic and experiential component as a means of understanding and utilizing metaphor and narrative in creating change in groups. An emphasis was placed on how metaphors and narrative styles influence the growth and resistance in groups.

February, 2011. **Metaphor and Narrative in Group Psychotherapy.** The American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Conference. This half-day workshop included a didactic and experiential component as a means of understanding and utilizing metaphor and narrative in creating change in groups. An emphasis was placed on how metaphors and narrative styles influence the growth and resistance in groups.

May 2011. The Arizona Psychoanalytic Society. **Lacanian Desire in Group Psychotherapy.** This workshop includes a didactic and experiential component as a means of understanding and utilizing metaphor and narrative to create change in groups. An emphasis will be placed on how metaphor and narrative shape and promote growth and resistance in groups.

February, 2012. The American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Conference. This workshop includes a didactic and experiential component as a means of understanding and utilizing metaphor and narrative to create change in groups. An emphasis will be placed on how metaphor and narrative shape and promote growth and resistance in groups.

February 2013. The American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Conference. **Lacanian Desire in Group.** This workshop includes a didactic and experiential component as a means of understanding several important Lacanian concepts such as desire, jouissance, and "the name of the father." An emphasis will be placed on how it is as "speaking beings" that we use conscious and unconscious narratives to shape our lives and deflect anxiety.

PUBLICATIONS

Conkright, Scott (2013). *Freud on Acid: Fictional Conversations on Lacan, Language, and Group Psychotherapy* (in review).

Editor, Consultation Corner, *The Group Psychologist: The Newsletter of Div. 44 of the APA*. 2007 – 2009.

The Hunger for Attunement: The Poetry of Mind and Brain. *Voices*. Summer 2008 Issue.

Reflections on Lacan, Music, Attachment Theory and Group Psychotherapy. *Group*. 2009, 32.2, pp. 149- 162

Lacan, Jouissance and Group Psychotherapy. *Group*. 2010, 34.2.

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Group Psychotherapy Association. (2011 – present). Member of the Conference Committee.

APA, Division 49 (Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychology) 2010 – 2013. **Secretary**.

Atlanta Group Psychotherapy Society (2003 –2005). **President**

Atlanta Group Psychotherapy Society. (2001 – 2007). **Board Member**

American Group Psychotherapy Association. Member of the Affiliate Societies Assembly Representatives 2001 – 2007.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association.

Atlanta Psychoanalytic Society

Atlanta Group Psychotherapy Society

American Group Psychotherapy Association